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SUBJECT: FRG MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE AND TURKEY

BEGIN SUMMARY: THE FRG HAS BEGUN TO IMPLEMENT ITS POLICY OF PROVIDING BALANCED MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE AND TURKEY. ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF SURPLUS MATERIAL HAS ALREADY REACHED TURKEY, AND COMPARABLE MATERIAL WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE IN GREECE DURING THE COURSE OF THE MONTH. THE SURPLUS MATERIAL LISTS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES ARE WELL BALANCED, INCLUDING AIRCRAFT, PATROL BOATS AND MUNITIONS. END SUMMARY

1. THE FRG HAS BEGUN TO IMPLEMENT ITS POLICY DECISION TO RESUME MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE AND TURKEY. AN FMOD SOURCE INFORMED US ON MAY 15 THAT ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF SURPLUS MATERIAL HAS ALREADY REACHED TURKEY. THIS MATERIAL WAS PART OF THE 7TH TRANCHE AID WHICH THE GERMANS STOPPED IN JULY 1974 AS A RESULT OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS. THE SURPLUS MATERIAL FOR GREECE IS STILL BEING INSPECTED AND PACKED IN VARIOUS BUNDESWEHR DEPOTS, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE GREEKS WILL BEGIN TO RECEIVE

SUCH MATERIAL DURING THE COURSE OF THE MONTH.

2. THE FMOD WAS TASKED WITH DEVELOPING BALANCED SURPLUS MATERIAL LISTS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. THE BUNDESTAG BUDGET COMMITTEE HAD PLACED A LIMIT OF DM 60 MILLION ON THE VALUE OF MATERIAL TO BE PROVIDED EACH COUNTRY. WHILE THE LISTS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES COMPLY IN THEORY WITH THE LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT, OUR FMOD SOURCE INDICATED THAT IN FACT THE MATERIAL TO BE SENT TO EACH COUNTRY REPRESENTS A VALUE GREATER THAN DM 60 MILLION.

3. AFTER FMOD HAD DEVELOPED THE RESPECTIVE LISTS, THE GREEK AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS WERE INVITED TO COME TO THE MINISTRY TO INSPECT THEM. THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR READILY ACCEPTED EVERYTHING ON THE LIST FOR HIS COUNTRY. THE GREEK AMBASSADOR OPTED INSTEAD TO HAVE SOME EXPERTS VISIT THE FRG TO LOOK AT THE MATERIAL OFFERED. HOWEVER, OUR FMOD SOURCE BELIEVES THE GREEKS WILL PROBABLY TAKE EVERYTHING ON THEIR LIST.

4. SURPLUS AIRCRAFT INCLUDED ON THE LISTS ARE TWO TF-104 TRAINERS FOR TURKEY AND 33 T-33'S FOR GREECE. THE T-33'S ARE VINTAGE 1956, AND ONLY 22 ARE PRESENTLY FLYABLE. BOTH COUNTRIES WILL RECEIVE SMALL PATROL BOATS OF ONE TYPE OR ANOTHER. BOTH THE GREEKS AND THE TURKS WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH COBRA SS-11 ANTI-TANK ROCKETS. BESIDES THE ITEMS INDICATED ABOVE, BOTH COUNTRIES WILL ALSO RECEIVE MUNITIONS, SPARE PARTS, UNIFORMS, ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT, TRUCKS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

5. WE WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT THE GREEKS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST EVENTUALLY IN OBTAINING SUBMARINES SINCE THE TURKS CURRENTLY POSSESS GERMAN SUBMARINES. OUR SOURCE INDICATED TO US THAT WHEN THE M-48 TANK IS REPLACED BY THE LEOPARD, THE SURPLUS TANKS MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE SUPPLY TO BOTH COUNTRIES.
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